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Mr. Larry Perino, Superintendent - Technical Services
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Re: Inactivation of Stormwater Permit, Eureka Mill Site (COR-040055),
San Juan County

Dear Mr. Perino,

As we discussed last month on the phone, the Division believes that it will be possible for Sunnyside Gold Corporation (SGC) to inactivate the stormwater permit certification for the Eureka Mill Site before any transfer of ownership takes place. The Division has reconsidered this issue because of the historical interest in the site and the fact that SGC never operated the Eureka Mill.

Eureka Mill site is rather a unique case: The site has historical significance and cultural interest as documented by the Historical Society and County Commissioners, and demonstrated by the large number of tourists who visit the site. The site essentially is no longer primarily a mill site, but is "an establishment of historical, educational or cultural interest". As such it takes on an SIC code of 8412 (Museums and Art Galleries).

Since the site is also relatively stable with little evidence of soil erosion or other runoff problem, with the installation of the permanent BMPs that we discussed, the runoff from the site would be permanently controlled or at least moderated.

Once the permanent BMPs are installed and the newly disturbed areas have been stabilized, the Division will inactivate the Eureka Mill stormwater permit certification. I have enclosed a copy of the Mining Stormwater Permit Inactivation form for your use.

I hope this clarifies the situation for the Eureka site. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please call me at (303) 692-3609.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Johnson

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Enclosure

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